Haitian Exile Base Found In Everglades

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KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Police investigating a fatal shooting uncovered a secret military training base for Haitian exiles deep in the Everglades Wednesday and arrested two Americans said to be in charge of the camp. Ten Haitians also were arrested.

Unofficial sources said the Americans were former members of the Green Berets— the Army's elite Special Force unit that specializes in guerrilla warfare training.

"They gave up without a fight," said Monroe County Sheriff Robert Brown whose men confiscated rifles, pistols and a collection of knives.

Brown said his men became aware of the camp, 50 miles west of Miami and two miles from the nearest road, when Florida Highway Patrol troopers Tuesday stopped a car carrying a man who had been shot in the chest.

The man, identified as Gerald D. Baker, was dead on arrival at a Miami hospital.

"He apparently was shot during a training maneuver in which live ammo was used," Brown said.

The sheriff identified the Americans as Ed Koldy, 33, and William J. Dempsey, 26. He stated that the Americans were in charge of the camp.

The men were taken to Plantation Key, midway between Miami and Key West.